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TROOPS FOR CANTON.

OBJECT OF MARSHAL LI'S VISIT.

KEEPING THEM OUT.

The Southern Chief's Confabs at Peking.

QUESTION OF REPATRIATION ARISES.

[From Our Political Correspondent.]

Although secrecy has been preserved, the main topic of conversation between Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton and the "Big Four" of the Nationalist military leaders in Peking has been revealed.

Now that the Northern Expedition is to all intents and purposes concluded, the question of troop repatriation has arisen. The units concerned are the so-called 4th Army (better known as the Ironsides) and the 46th Army (consisting mostly of former Whampoa Cadets).

What happened when the Ironsides were last in Kwangtung province is still within recent memory. To prevent the recurrence of such a calamity, Marshal Li Chai-sum may have to offer concessions to the Nationalist Central Government in Peking.

THE IRONSIDES.

This is Marshal Li's third venture to the North. The first time, last winter, he accompanied Mr. Wang Ching-wai (head of the radical group of politicians) to Shanghai. The day after he sailed turned to Canton. He was Chief of Staff for ten days.

HOMESICK IRONSIDES.

One of Marshal Li's armies in Kwangtung claims to be the real 4th army corps. The Ironsides also claim the designation. They consist of seven divisions, five of which are well-trained and well-equipped and two of which are training divisions, numbering about 20,000 men in all. The 46th army corps, under General Fong Ting-ying, has about 4,000 former Whampoa Cadets. These exiles from Canton are anxious to return home once more.

According to Chinese cables, Marshal Li went to Peking by way of Hankow, after interviewing his colleague, General Li Tsung-jen, there. He had no time to attend the National Financial Conference at Nanking where Mr. Li Man-yan (head of the Finance Council in Canton and chief private secretary to Marshal Li) unsuccessfully pleaded for one year's autonomy in the realm of Canton revenue.

THE BIG FOUR.

Of the Nationalist Big Four (not to be confused with the Kwangsi Big Four), Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is vitally interested in Canton's closer co-operation with Nanking; Feng Yu-hsiang ("the Christian General") is not so closely interested; Gen-

Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton, the secret of whose mission to Peking is divulged today.

from, Hong Kong the Ironsides overthrew his administration.

Then came the Communist coup in Canton last December. The Reds were overwhelmed by the Ironsides after three days' street fighting. Shortly afterwards, Marshal Li's Kwangsi administration was restored.

The Ironsides withdrew to the East River. Stubborn engagements were fought with heavy casualties, on both sides. General Chan Ming-shu (commanding the 11th Army) entered Kwangtung from Fukien and saved the day for Marshal Li.

SECOND VENTURE.

Under orders from Marshal Chiang Kai-shek (commander-in-chief) the Ironsides marched north once more and were sent up to the front lines. They were in the Tsinan embroilment and are still in North China.

Marshal Li's second trip to Nanking aroused considerable uneasiness. He was accompanied by General Chan Ming-shu who went to Hankow to interview two others of the Kwangsi Big Four (General Li Tsung-jen and General Pei Chung-hsi). Incidentally, Marshal Li of Canton and General Wong Shiu-hung of Kwangsi are the other two of the Kwangsi Big Four.

After a series of alarmist reports concerning Marshal Li's personal liberty in Nanking, when he assumed duty as Chief of Staff to Chiang Kai-shek in order to impress other camps with Nationalist unity, Marshal Li re-



General Chang Fa-kuei formerly head of the Ironsides who once more constitute a dark cloud on Canton's political horizon.

eral Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi is probably neutral; and General Li Tsung-jen of Hankow is one of the Kwangsi Big Four and therefore a colleague of Marshal Li Chai-sum.

Consequences of the Ironsides again coming south are extensive, affecting the peace of much of South China and Canton in particular.

A former official of Canton, now in Hong Kong, on his way to Shanghai and Nanking, is reluctant to predict whether Marshal Li will be able to arrive at a working arrangement with Chiang Kai-shek.

He says that the situation is confused and the issues too big to be solved

A NEW WORLD MAP.

AT CAMBRIDGE.

FORTY-SEVEN COUNTRIES TO BE REPRESENTED.

WIRELESS PLAYS A PART.

London, Yesterday. Leading geographers from 47 countries are attending the Congress next week at Cambridge, held under the auspices of the International Geographical Union.

Many of the delegates are being received by the King at Buckingham Palace this week and among other events of the visit are a reception by the Royal Geographical Society, another by the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall, at which the Prince of Wales will attend and a banquet at Cambridge, over which the Foreign Secretary will preside.

A particularly interesting feature of the Congress will be the examination of sections of a new World Map, upon which experts have been engaged for many years. Wireless has played an important part in its completion. Fifty-two observatories, scattered over the face of the globe and representing 30 nations have taken part in the task of verifying the world's longitudes and in re-determining the configurations of the seas and continents. The principal stations, for several weeks, were exchanging radio telegraphic signals at the rate of thirty each per day.

Another factor, in checking the world map, has been the application of air photography to ordnance survey purposes.

The representatives of the Survey Departments of the British Colonies and Mandated Territories are already in London and have been conferring on the methods of map-making as well as administrative matters, and several of them are going to Cambridge for next week's congress.

In China Sea. The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at 9:15 am, to-day:

Typhoon in about 120 deg. Long E. and 18 deg. Lat. N. moving W.N.W.

This location is in the China Sea and the typhoon should strike the coast about 100 miles south of Macao.

Director's Statement. The Director of the Observatory informed the "China Mail" just before going to Press that the typhoon is approaching the Pratas and that if it keeps to its present track will arrive dangerously near the Colony to-morrow before noon. There are no indications that it is altering its track.

Referring to the intention to treat the Race Course Betting Bill as a Government measure, the Prime Minister, in the Commons to-day, said that one reason was that the measure would be of very considerable assistance to the Exchequer, and, if passed, would make possible the remodelling of the betting taxes. Many members also believed very firmly that it would have a very appreciable effect in helping to cleanse British race courses.—British Wireless Service.

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COLONIAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

THE ESTIMATES.

HONG KONG AND CANTON: ALSO THE UNIVERSITY.

BIG DECREASE.

London, Yesterday.

Steps have been taken or will be taken in consultation with the Colonial Governments to give effect to many of the recommendations of the recent Colonial Office Conference, particularly the proposed formation of a unified Colonial Agricultural Service, says a Colonial Office Memorandum on the amalgamated estimates of the Colonial and Middle Eastern Services showing a net decrease of £457,244 after allow-

ROYAL DUKE AS JOCKEY.

IN SELLING PLATE.

HORSE STARTS AT 20 TO 1 AGAINST.

FINISHES THIRD.

London, Yesterday.

The Duke of Gloucester, the King's third son, made the first appearance of any member of the Royal Family in a race under Jockey Club rules at Salisbury today, when he rode in the Selling Plate at the Bibury Club meeting. There were nine runners and the Duke, riding a good race, finished third.

His horse started at 20 to 1 against. — British Wireless Service.

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DISCUSSION IN THE LORDS.

London, Yesterday.

The House of Lords discussed the subject of Colonial Governors' Pensions regarding which Lord Elbank and Lord Olivier stressed the inadequacy.

Lord Lovat (Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Dominions), replying for the Government, said the Government had been long impressed by the necessity for the revision and that a committee, presided over by Lord Buxton, had already made recommendations which, embodied in a Bill, would be introduced at the soonest though not in 1928. One recommendation was the raising of the limit of the pension from £1,300 to £2,000 annually. The Bill could be retrospective and only in the case of Governors' presently serving.

Reuter.

THE LOEWENSTEIN TRAGEDY.

AN EXPERIMENT.

FORCE OF WIND PRESSURE TESTED AT 1,000 FEET.

BIG STRUGGLE.

London, Yesterday.

Major Cooper and other officials of the Accidents' Department of the Air Ministry, to-day tested, during a flight, the doorway of the Fokker aeroplane from which Captain Loewenstein met his death on July 4.

Although no official statement has been made, it is understood that the doorway was forced open a few inches by one of the party only with the greatest difficulty and, when released, slammed violently from the force of the wind pressure.

After a prolonged struggle Major Cooper, with a rope tied around him, managed to open the door sufficiently to climb on to a ladder outside, afterwards being hauled back.

The experiment took place 1,000 feet up with Captain Drew, who flew Loewenstein's machine as a mystery.

The mystery of Loewenstein's death has deepened as the result of the Air Ministry tests at Croydon on the monoplane from which he fell into the Channel officially stated that it was generally decided impossible outfall accidentally.

Reuter.

SPAIN UNSETTLED.

PLOTTERS AGAINST THE MONARCHY.

100 "REDS" ARRESTED.

London, Yesterday.

There were rumours from Madrid yesterday evening contained in a semi-official communiqué stating that attempts were being made to take advantage of the absence of the King and the head of the government to stir up trouble.

A correspondent now sends from Madrid a telegram to "Le Journal" saying that, following rumours of an insurrectionary movement planned throughout Spain with the object of overthrowing the monarchy, the police have arrested a hundred Syndicalists and Communists in the Province of Madrid, Barcelona, Saragossa, Biscaya and Guipuzcoa.—Reuter.

BOYCOTT THREAT.

Threats to boycott the parish church have been made by the villagers of Avening, near Stroud, where much feeling has been aroused against the decision of the Bishop of Gloucester to inhibit the Rev. Oswald Hayden, the Rector, for two years.

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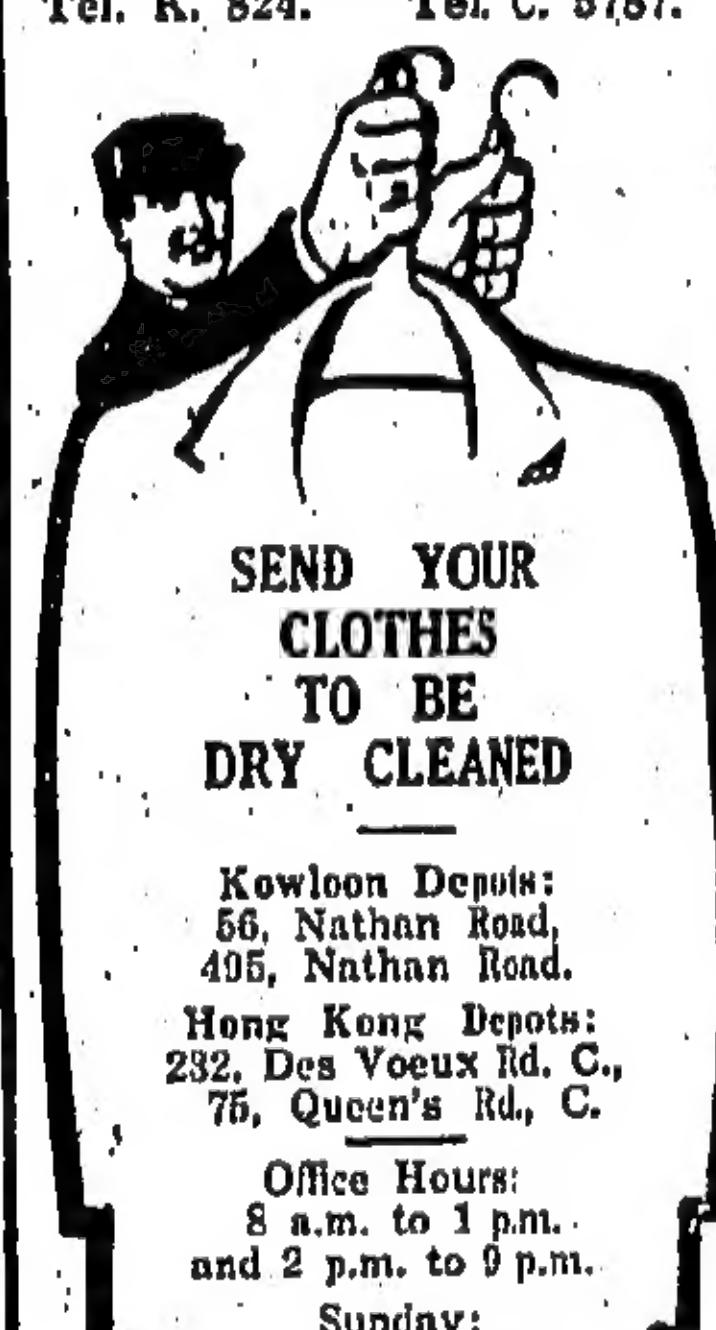
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THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 23rd JULY to SATURDAY, 4th AUGUST, 1928, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

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WIFE'S PLUCK AT FINAL RECEPTION.

WELCOME IN STORM.

Rochester. — Sir Alan Cobham brought the flying boat in which he had made a flight to the Cape and back via the West Coast back to its port and birthplace arriving in a thunderstorm, and alighting in the Medway during lightning, thunder, and heavy rain.

After arriving at Plymouth on May 31, he flew to various cities in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and delivered the Short-Rolls Royce flying boat in perfect condition, after its 23,000 miles flight at the slipway of Short Brothers' airplane factory.

Lady Cobham, who has accompanied her husband throughout, stayed with him to the finish, despite indisposition. She was evidently weak when she came ashore, and it is feared she is suffering from malaria. Nevertheless, she pluckily endured the ordeal of a civic reception.

A great crowd had assembled to greet the crew of the flying boat, and instead of driving to the Guildhall for the official reception Sir Alan walked through the streets lined with cheering spectators.

At the Guildhall the Mayor of Rochester and many officials and principal citizens received the fliers, and presentations were made—a clock, two silver rose bowls, and silver model of the Singapore flying boat. Each member of the crew also was given a silver model of the flying boat, with a commemorative inscription.

Rochester's Pride.

Captain Worrall, the second pilot, was too ill to attend, but the two Rolls Royce engineers and the cinematographer were present.

The Mayor spoke of the pride the city took in the fact that its long and historic naval associations were now supplemented by great aerial

enterprises, and also in the fact that Rochester was the birthplace of a famous family of flying-boats.

Mr. Oswald Short, of the aeronautical engineering firm, said he was sure that the story of the flight, when told in full and shown as it would be on the screen, would be an inspiration to the youth of the country. He paid a tribute to Sir Charles Wakefield and the others who had made the undertaking possible, and acknowledged the encouragement afforded by the Air Ministry in loaning the machine.

Mr. Basil Johnson, the managing director of Rolls Royce Ltd., said he was proud to be associated with this triumph of aircraft and piloting.

Sir Alan Cobham, replying, paid a warm tribute to each of the crew, beginning with his wife, who had worked hard and successfully in the commissariat department and as secretary.

The machine had made eighty-two ascents and eighty-four landings in all sorts of waters and conditions in the course of the flight, and was none the worse for it.

SPEEDY JUSTICE.

A motor-car speed case was called and decided at the Croydon County Police-court on a recent Saturday in very few words, and about six seconds:—

The Chairman: Septimus Sheering.

Police-sergeant: Twenty-five miles.

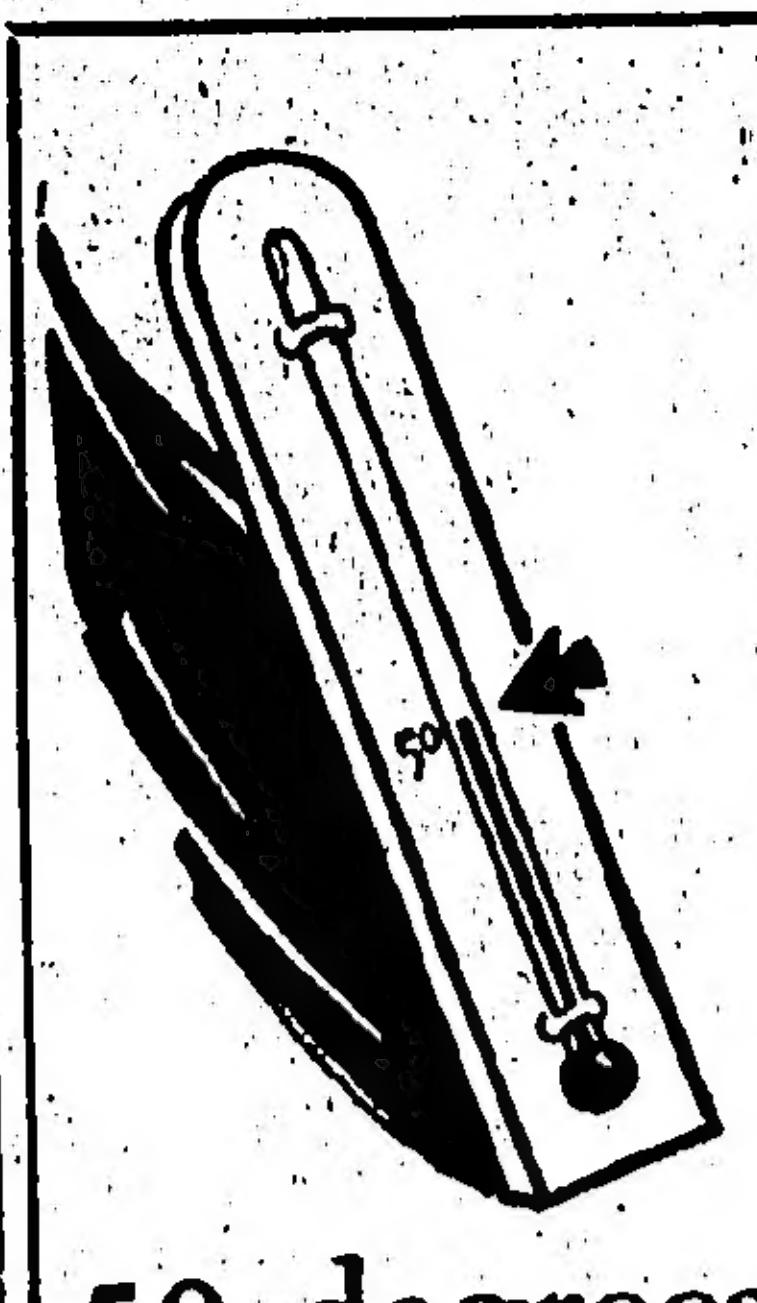
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Captain Kingsford-Smith confirms the report that he and Mr. Ulm intend to fly to New Zealand, and after returning to Australia hope to proceed to England by air, and thence to America. Mrs. Ulm also expressed her determination to accompany them. The aviators have been invited to Canberra as the guests of the Commonwealth Government.

As a tribute to the success of their flight (says Reuter) Captain Kingsford-Smith and Mr. Ulm have been made a present of their airplane, the "Southern Cross" and discharged of all indebtedness by their financial backer, Mr. Allen Hancock, of Los Angeles.

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AWA MARU Sunday, 16th July.
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SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles.
Mexico & Panama.
ANYO MARU Saturday, 18th August.
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BINGO MARU Wednesday, 1st August.
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NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
MISHIMA MARU Friday, 20th July.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
ATLAS MARU Thursday, 9th August.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Singapore, Singapore
Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
MONTRÉAL MARU Friday, 10th August.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND
NOMBAHA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
CANADA MARU Sunday, 5th August.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon
SEATTLE MARU Wednesday, 25th July.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and
Japan ports.
LONDON MARU (from Shanghai) ... Monday, 23rd July.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
JIMALAYA MARU Saturday, 4th August.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
HAIKHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI
MENADO MARU Thursday, 19th July 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama
HAMBURG MARU Middle of July.
JAPAN PORTS
AMAZON MARU Thursday, 12th July.
TAKAO MARU Friday, 20th July.
KASADO MARU Tuesday, 24th July.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY
HOIZH MARU Sunday, 15th July noon.
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CANTON
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sengers; 593 tons general cargo for
Hong Kong, 716 tons (through).

Suiyang (1594) British, from
Canton—B. & S.:—105 passengers,
160 tons general cargo (through).

Raymond Poincare (1197)
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Yeh Cheong:—82 passengers, 30
tons general cargo for Hong Kong,
2,000 tons coal (through).

Norviken (1779) Norwegian,
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passengers, 450 tons general cargo
(through).

Danmark (6372) Danish, from
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Hong Kong, 9,359 tons (through).

Tunet Maru (1305) Japanese,
from Keeling—M.B.K.:—1,300 tons
coal for Hong Kong, 1,900 tons
(through).

Phranang (1022) China, from
Holhoo—Chow Yue Feng:—5 pas-
sengers, 375 pigs for Hong Kong,
1,200 tons general cargo.

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from
Macao—Hoo Hing & Co.:—60 tons
general cargo for Hong Kong.

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sengers, 50 tons general cargo for
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ARRIVALS. DEPARTURES. IN PORT.

British 3 5 22

Japanese 1 5 6

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MORE SIGNS OF A REVIVAL.

New York.—In an address at
Harrogate, Tennessee, Mr. T. V.
O'Connor, chairman of the United
States Shipping Board, declared
that the concentration of public interest
upon the development of Western
Africa was responsible for the neg-
lect and decline of the country's
merchant marine, and predicted
that under the stimulus of the new
Shipping Act, America would soon
recover her former prestige on the
high seas.

There were numerous indications
of the renewed and widespread in-
American shipping, Mr. O'Connor
added, and although America was
lagging further and further behind
the other great maritime nations in
building ships, new construction
should soon begin. An increasing
number of young men showed a desire
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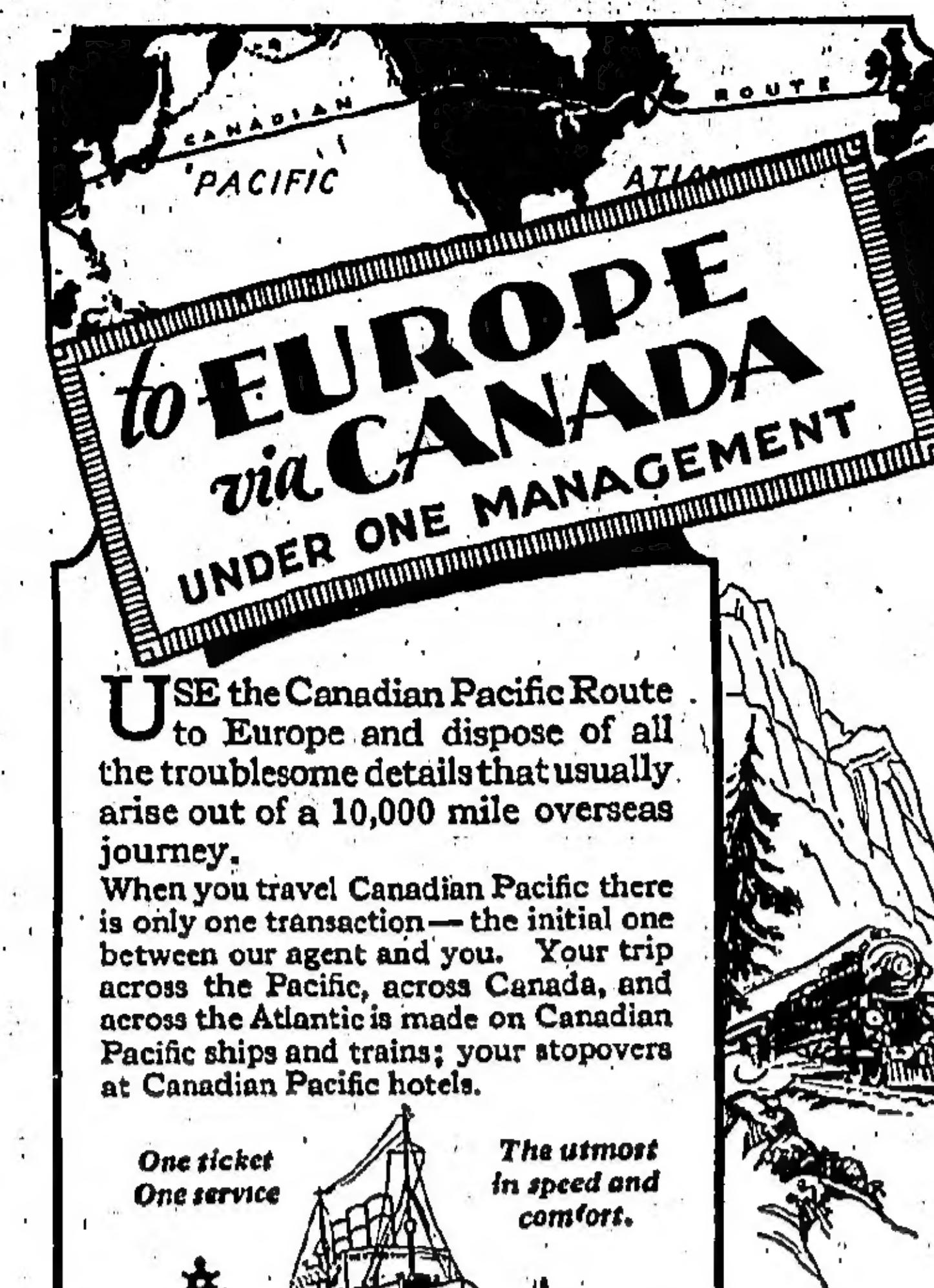
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*NANKIN	7,058	28th July	M'lae, L'don, A'werp, R'dam & H'pont.
KASHMIR	8,985	4th Aug.	M'reselle, L'don & Antwerp.
KIDDERPORE	5,334	11th Aug.	Straits & Bombay.
RAJPUTANA	16,558	18th Aug.	Bombay, M'reselle & London.
ALIPORE	5,273	25th Aug.	Straits & Bombay.
NALDEhra	16,088	1st Sept.	Bombay, M'reselle & London.
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TAKIWA	7,936	23rd July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
ALIPORE	5,273	23rd July	Kobe.
MALVAN	5,344	3rd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	0,956	7th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*WARRIOR	6,000	12th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
NALDEhra	10,000	8th Aug.	Shanghai.
*NAPCOPRE	5,290	50th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASIGAR	0,005	31st Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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ROSYTH TO-DAY.

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[By Hector C. Bywater, Naval Correspondent of "The Daily Telegraph,"]

Rosyth Dockyard.—Twenty years ago the Firth of Forth, although visited from time to time by H. M. ships, had no particular significance from the naval point of view.

To-day, as I write, battle cruisers and other fighting craft are lying in the Firth, but they are here on a routine visit, which has no connection with the strategic situation at sea. And yet, within this comparatively brief cycle of years, these Northern waters formed part of the stage upon which was enacted the greatest drama of modern civilisation.

In the British Navy as it now exists we see only a remnant of that mighty armada that thronged the East coast harbours of Scotland in 1918. In 1908 the dockyard of Rosyth was only a paper project. Ten years later it had become the largest and best-equipped naval base in the world.

Yet to-day, little more than twenty years since the first sod was cut, this great base lies drearily mute reminder of stirring times that we all hope may never recur.

GERMANY'S SEA CHALLENGE.

To trace the history of Rosyth to its source we must go back to 1898, for it was in that year that Germany hatched her scheme for the conquest of the seas. Few in England interpreted the portent correctly. At that date the centre of naval gravity lay in the Mediterranean, as it had done for more than a century. But in the early years of King Edward's reign the rapid growth of the German fleet compelled our naval strategists to readjust their ideas. How leisurely this mental process was is indicated by the fact that in 1908—ten years after Germany had entered the lists as challenger of our naval supremacy—we were without a single organised fleet base north of the Thames.

It was not the least of Lord Fisher's inestimable services to his country that he made good this grave deficiency. During his tenure of office as First Sea Lord of the Admiralty work was begun on the new base at Rosyth, which until the theory of far-distant blockade led to the selection of Scapa Flow, was designed to be the main base of the British fleet in a war against Germany.

As originally planned, the works at Rosyth were estimated to cost £3,000,000, exclusive of machinery. Upon their completion seven or eight years later a much greater sum than this had been expended. The outbreak of war found the Scottish base far from finished, and for many months afterwards a floating dock, hurriedly towed from a Channel port to Invergordon, represented the only means that the Grand Fleet had of docking its battle ships within the main zone of war.

With the extinction of German naval power at the close of the war the strategical outlook at sea underwent a radical change. It was clear that the British Fleet could serve no useful purpose by continuing to cruise in the North Sea, which no longer harboured a potential enemy.

Nevertheless the Rosyth yard continued for some years to function as a repairing base, and numerous ships were refitted or reconstructed there between 1919 and 1924. In April, 1921, 60,000 workmen were still on the payroll. At that date, and for some time after, the Rosyth docks were the only naval docks in the kingdom sufficiently spacious to accommodate H.M.S. "Hood" and the large bulging capital ships of the Fleet.

ECONOMY AXE.

In 1922 and subsequent years Rosyth, in common with all other naval establishments, felt the edge of the economy "axe." The final blow fell in September, 1925, when this yard and the establishment at Pembroke were jointly ordered to be closed down. By that time the staff at Rosyth had been reduced to 2,500. The Admiralty did what it could to mitigate the hardships which this decree inflicted on the workers and their families. As many men as possible were transferred to other dockyards, but the vacancies were limited, and the majority of the Rosyth staff went to swell the local army of unemployed.

Here in the district immediately affected one hears bitter comment on the Government's action, yet it would certainly have been difficult to justify the maintenance of Rosyth in full activity after the North Sea had ceased to be a zone of prime strategic importance. As it is, the docks, workshops, and plant are being kept in reasonably good condition by caretaking parties. If, therefore, it should become desirable at any time to station another battle fleet in these waters, the full resources of Rosyth dockyard could be made available at short notice.

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Tianjin Stow & Shal	KWONGSANG	Sun, 22nd July at Noon
Tianjin Stow & Shal	HOPSANG	Wed, 25th July at Noon
Kobe	KUTSANG	Fri, 26th July at 7 a.m.
Kobe	NAMSANG	Fri, 3rd Aug. at 7 a.m.
Kobe	KUMSANG	Thurs, 16th Aug. at 7 a.m.
Canton	KWONGSANG	Tues, 17th July at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOORSANG	Wed, 28th July at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HOONANG	Thurs, 29th July at 3 p.m.
Singapore	YUENSANG	Thurs, 29th July at 3 p.m.
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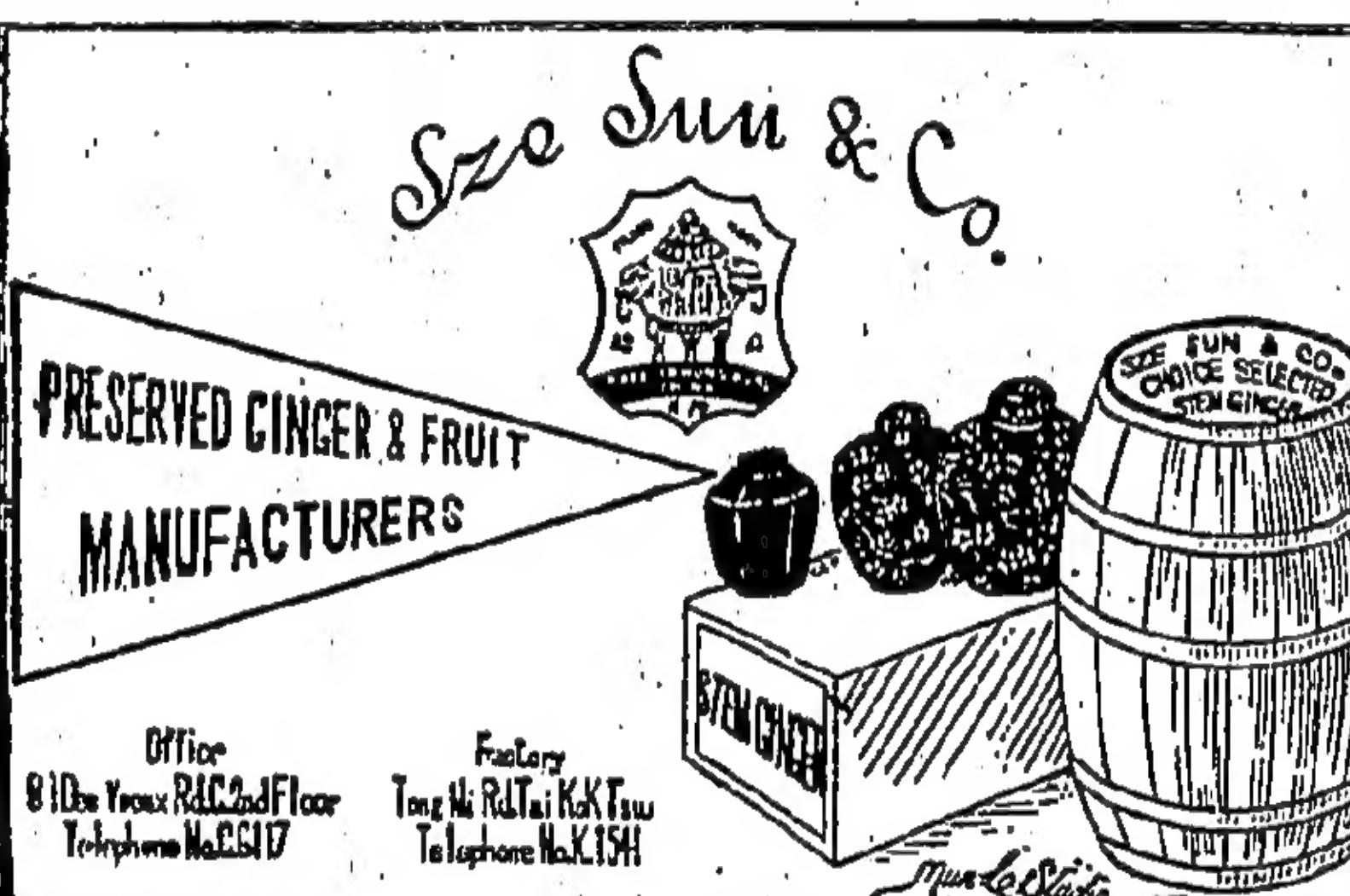
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A daylight robbery took place yesterday afternoon by two men who entered an unnumbered house at Kowloon. After intimidating the inmates, the robbers bolted with a sum of money. One of the robbers was arrested, says a Chinese report.

The Kowloon Fire Brigade turned out yesterday at noon because of a landslide which occurred in Homuntin, Kowloon. A Chinese workman who was buried in the debris was extricated and removed to the Kowloon Hospital in a critical condition.

As the result of a fall down the hillside whilst evading arrest on Mount Parker early this morning, a Chinese named Lee Ng (58) living in a hut on the hillside at Taiwanho, received injuries to his right side which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

A contractor's coolie living in a thatched near the No. 8 railway bridge at Homuntin was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from concussion as the result of a heavy plank falling on his head whilst he was working on the foundation of a new house.

Mr. Thomas Chan Sui Woo, has been appointed Bursar of the Diocesan Boys' School, in addition to his duties as assistant master resident, the appointment to date from September 1. Mr. Chan is one of several masters on the staff who have had a long connection with the School.

Acting on information received, the Revenue Officers raided a lighter at the Yaumati typhoon shelter yesterday, with the result that more than two hundred tins of illicit opium, packed in tins, were found emerged in water suspended at the end of the lighter. No arrest has been made.

Chan Pak (38) a Chinese with no employment and of no fixed abode, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour near the Kwong Wing wharf in Connaught-road, Central. He was rescued by boat people in the vicinity and removed by the police to the Government Civil Hospital.

According to a vernacular report, the death of a Chinese married woman occurred at No. 48, Lyndhurst-terrace (first floor). The deceased went out on the previous night and, returning, slept with her three-year-old daughter. In the morning the husband found her dead. The police are investigating the cause of death.

Kowloon was partly in darkness last night, when what is believed to be a "blow out" occurred in one of the distributing stations of the China Light and Power Co. The area affected included the Ferry Wharf, Salisbury-road, Nathan-road, and the European and Chinese residential areas, including the Y.M.C.A., Star Theatre and the Water Police Station.

A European lady had her handbag snatched by a small Chinese boy near Messrs. Powell's store yesterday. The thief bolted down the lane towards Queen's-road, but was stopped by two Indian watchmen, who recovered the handbag for the lady, who immediately went away without supplying her name to the police, who took the young thief to the station.

Mr. A. Harcourt Abel, who died at Szemao, Yunnan, on Jan. 27, 1924, left estate in Hong Kong valued at \$700 and estate in England worth £609 7s. 6d. He died intestate. Re-sealing of letters of administration have been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is the attorney of the mother, Mrs. E. Abel, "Killarney," The Avenue, Chingford, Sussex.

Two Chinese, who were arrested on the Chung On wharf yesterday afternoon, were this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, with the unlawful possession of illicit opium. They were both convicted in spite of their plea that they had been engaged by other men to carry the drug. One man, who had 80 tins of opium, was fined \$2,000 or six months, whilst the other was fined \$750 or three months for the possession of 10 tins of the drug.

The police yesterday picked up in the harbour the body of two small Chinese children. The first was that of a small girl, aged about five years, which was found at Causeway Bay. The body was in an advanced stage of decomposition. In the second case, the body of a small boy was found in the water between Queen's Pier and the Star Ferry wharf. This child was only four or five years of age. Both carcasses were removed by the Water Police to the Kowloon Mortuary.

The s.s. "Wing On" a Hong Kong-Kowloon boat, has gone into dock for overhaul. She will probably resume running in a week's time. Her sister ship, the s.s. "Sun Ning," a Wuchow boat, will take her place temporarily.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THAT WATER SHORTAGE.

To the Editor of the "China Mail". Sir.—I sympathise with "Diagnosed Peake" regarding the shortage of water on the Peak levels, but I do not agree with his lack of co-operation with the Government in the matter. Why does he not do the same as I have to do? Our process is to catch the water whilst it is running. We fill the bath, tin cans and pans. Of course, an overlooked pan may in a short time breed some lovely mosquitoes, and of course the Chinese stick their never-too-clean fingers in the water and also drop things into it. But we do not worry. I personally have given up hope of ever getting a full supply. A water shortage strikes me as one of the punishments we shall always suffer for living on the Peak. Of course, the Government might adopt your correspondent's suggestion and install adequate plant, but look how sensible that would be, so sensible that I cannot believe the Government would entertain the suggestion for one moment.

Yours, etc.,
SILENT SUFFERER.
Hong Kong, July 13, 1928.

BATHING SHED THEFTS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail".)

Sir.—May I trespass upon your valuable space to relate the following incident which I happened to come across?

A couple of days ago, I went to the South China Athletic Association's bathing beach, North Point, for the first time in this season. After having my name signed and the membership ticket shown at the entrance, I was at last admitted into the shed. After a cool bath, I went out with a basket in my hand, but at the entrance I was accosted by one man, who politely demanded to have my basket searched, as, he said, everyone has to do so. I submitted, and was "let go" at last.

As things are frequently lost in the sheds, I have no objection to being searched, but I wonder why the authorities of that shed should not find some other means of preventing thefts without causing so much ado to their members who are entitled in every way to be respected. For as a matter of course, to search the members' basket in this way is only perfidy, it does not help to solve the question at all. If a man wants to steal things, it is not necessary for him to put his booty in the basket, waiting to be searched out. Why can't he put it into the pocket?

I think the best way in solving the problem is to have a number of wooden boxes erected in the shed and each member to have a key on entering the shed.

Yours, etc.,
DISTRESSED.
Hong Kong, July 13, 1928.

JUST ARRIVES.

COMITS A JEWELLERY ROBBERY.

SMART CHINESE LAD.

Jewellery to the value of \$100 saved by the prompt action of a young Chinese lad, was the story related at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese was charged with the theft of the jewellery from 31, Potung-street, in Kowloon City.

The complainant, who resides at 31, Potung-street, with his wife and son, was away with his families at the time defendant is alleged to have entered the flat.

The lad, on returning to the flat, found the door open and, on entering, saw defendant and one other in the room. He at once raised an alarm. The thieves ran down stairs, and were caught by two men residing on the ground floor, and taken to the station, where some of the jewellery was found in the possession of the defendant.

Defendant admitted the theft and stated that the other man had prised open the front door.

Inspector Phillips informed the court that 7 boxes in all had been opened. Finger rings, bangles, and other articles comprised the "boot." Defendant stated that he was employed in Canton as an electrician, and had just come to Hong Kong. A sentence of 4 months' hard labour was imposed.

New York, Yesterday.—The Federal Reserve Banks of New York and Richmond have raised the re-discount rate to 5 per cent—Reuter's American Service.

A message from Oxford (Missouri) states that thirty persons were injured sixteen seriously, when an Illinois Central train plunged into a ravine two and a half miles south of that place. The injured have been removed to the hospital, but the doctor's guard that several will succumb. "Exchange Telegraph."

P'RAPS-P'RAPSNOT!

She was the sort of woman who could be relied upon to say the wrong thing. At a public dinner she turned to her neighbour and said: "Doctor, can you tell me who that horrible looking man is over there?"

"I can," replied the doctor; "that's my brother."

"Oh, I beg your pardon," she stammered; "how silly of me not to have noticed the resemblance."

Wife: "Henry, I'm going to give this blind man a penny. He said, 'Spare a copper, pretty lady?'"

Henry: "Go on; then he's blind all right."

A man went to a dog dealer to purchase a dog. He took a fancy to one of the dogs, and asked, "Is it a pedigree dog?"

"Pedigree dog?" replied the dealer; "why, if this dog could talk he wouldn't speak to either of us!"

Jones (phoning): "I want a box for two."

Voice (at other end): "But we don't keep boxes for two."

Jones: "You must have one. Aren't you the Jollity?"

Voice: "No, we are the noted Graves, the undertakers."

A man had to undergo an operation at the hospital. On coming round and looking about the ward, he inquired of the sister present why the blinds were drawn?

"There was a fire across the road, you see," the sister informed him. "We didn't want you to think that your operation was unsuccessful!"

"Shure, you had a bad spree yesterday, Pat?"

"Shure, I had," says he, "for I was not lying in the gutter with a pig, when the priest came along and says, 'A man's known by the company he keeps!'"

"And did you get up when he says that?"

"No," Pat said; "but the pig did."

Amateur Golfer: "Why has that boy been following us with that tin all the afternoon?"

Caddie: "Oh, he's after ball, sir."

Lady: "Are you sure this salmon is quite fresh?"

Salesman: "Fresh? I should think he is, Mum. I've just cut 'im up to keep 'im from jumpin' at the flies."

A lady was taking cake round to the children at a Sunday-school treat. Coming to a little boy, she said: "Well, Tommy, can you eat another piece of cake?"

"Well," answered the little boy, "I can do some more chewing, but I can't do any more swallowing."

A maiden well-to-do aunt had invited her small nephew to stay for the day with her, and Jack was worried about his table manners.

"Mother," said Jack, "I'm just wondering, is it proper to eat pork pie with a knife and fork?"

Mother: "Yes, dear, of course!"

Jack: "Well, please have you a piece I can practise on?"

A drunken man stopped on a bridge. On looking down he imagined he saw something floating in the water.

A policeman passing by inquired: "What's the matter, old chap?"

"What's that in the water down there?"

"Why, it's the moon," the policeman exclaimed.

"Well," said the man, "how the h— have I got up here?"

TEASERS.

Answer The "China Mail" Questions.

TO-DAY'S POSERS.

From day to day a series of half a dozen questions, not tremendously difficult to answer but not always so simply solved as may be thought appear on this page. These, as in the past, are compiled by the "China Mail" staff and include from time to time questions of local interest. Answers are given on Page seven.

1. What is a chief judge of the Isle of Man called?

2. Who was the mother of Achilles?

3. What is Delphi ware?

4. What is a deerman?

5. Which is the oldest hospital in the British Empire?

6. What is a marquis?

CRIME INCREASE.

C.S.P.'S REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

LESS MURDERS.

Serious crime in Hong Kong showed in 1927 an increase over that in 1926—4,563 cases compared with 3,713 in 1926—according to the report of the Captain Superintendent of Police. Minor crime also showed an increase of 19,891 cases as against 16,335 in 1926.

The total number of cases reported to the Police during the year 1927 was 24,444 as against 20,048 in 1926, being an increase of 4,396 or 21.9 per cent. The average for the last five years is 18,608.

The increase in serious crime is accounted for almost entirely by increases under burglary and larceny. Throughout the year there was a large number of unemployed in the Colony, while the Force, owing to difficulty in obtaining recruits, was appreciably below establishment strength.

SERIOUS OFFENCES.

There has been a very considerable increase in the population of the Colony during the year, due to a gradual steady return of people that left Hong Kong in 1925 and due to disturbances in Canton. Following the Communist upheaval in December, it is estimated that at least 60,000 refugees came to Hong Kong.

The Police countered the internal effect of these movements by diverting temporarily certain sections from normal duty to search and surveillance of incoming passengers. Special patrols have also assisted in keeping Hong Kong immune from abnormal crime waves which have been experienced in other ports. The Colony is also indebted to cordial co-operation throughout the year from the Police Authorities in Canton and Macao.

Serious offences committed in the New Territories (N) during 1927 numbered 23 compared with 26 in 1926. There were 3 murders and 14 robberies on shore and 5 robberies and 1 piracy afloat.

A GOOD YEAR.

A very good working year from a Police point of view was marred by a shooting affray between a Police Search Picket and a small band of armed robbers just returning in the Western District of Victoria. This affray and the murder of a European lady who was attacked by footpads at Shaukiwan early in August while walking along a lonely footpath after dark were the only, two really serious outrages of the year within the Colony itself and there is little doubt that in the murder case the original motive was robbery only and that the murder was unintentional.

UNION MOVEMENTS.

The political situation assumed a very serious aspect early in 1927 when anti-foreign, and particularly anti-British propaganda disseminated by Bolshevik Agents made itself felt throughout China, particularly in the Ninghsia region and also in Canton. As a result of the strengthening of the Naval and Military forces in Hong Kong as well as in Central China peace was maintained and the local situation improved very considerably as the year advanced.

Early in the year several Labour Unions, which had voluntarily closed during the 1925 boycott but had not been officially closed, reopened and renewed their political activities in the Colony. As a result labour troubles began again but these were successfully checked by the closing of the two principal political unions, i.e., the Hong Kong General Labour Union and the Seamen's Union whose seditious activities in Hong Kong have been notorious for some years. Since the closing of these two Unions a much more healthy atmosphere has prevailed in labour circles and strikes have been few and far between.

There was a slight recrudescence of illegal labour activity at the end of the year following on the short-lived Communist success in Canton on December 10.

Two days after the Canton outbreak a few posters exhorting the people to rise and assert themselves against the Imperialists were found in the streets and a mild attempt was made to interfere with the Low Level Tram Service. Otherwise the Canton coup failed to elicit any response locally.

MAYOR'S BOUQUET.**MISS BEAVAN'S "I AM A MAN."**

After accepting a bouquet at the conference of the Institute of Public Cleansing in Liverpool, the Lord Mayor, Miss May Beavan, said: "You should not spoil me like this. Lord Mayors are not allowed flowers. I am a man."

THE VOLUNTEERS.**PARTICULARS ABOUT THE BAND CONCERT.****COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Orders of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant, issued to date are as follows: Promenade Concert Committee meeting will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 16.

Sports Committee meeting will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 6.45 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 1928.

Arms—All rifles and bayonets will be handed into Volunteer store immediately for the annual inspection.

Corps Band.—The Band will parade at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17th and Thursday, July 19, at Volunteer Headquarters at full strength; dress uniform, for Band Practice. On Friday, July 20, the Band will parade in uniform, at Corps Headquarters at 7.15 p.m. to play at the Officers' Mess guest night.

Dress—Cap, tunic, belt slacks and black boots.

MOUNTED INFANTRY CO.

Friday, July 13. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Sgt. Watson's Section only for flying M.G. at Kennedy-road range.

Tuesday, July 17. Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. for all for practice with pack animals.

Friday, July 20. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Sgt. Potts' Section only for instruction on M.G.

Dress at all above parades: Plain Clothes.

ARMOURED CAR CO.

Monday, July 16. Instructions on Machine Gun at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Plain Clothes.

Thursday, July 19. The first of a course of lectures on car mechanism will be given by Mr. Baker at the Public Works Department workshop. Every member of the Section is asked to make a special effort to attend.

Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: plain clothes.

MOTOR CYCLE SECTION.

Motor Cycle Section.—Sunday, July 15. A tactical ride will be held in the New Territories and all ranks are requested to keep this date free.

Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 10 a.m. sharp.

Dress: Uniform with web belt. Shorts will be worn.

MACHINE GUN CO.

Parades will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Fridays, July 13 and 20 at 5.30 p.m. in uniform, for Machine Gun Instruction. There will also be the usual Instructors' Class at the same time and place.

Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

SCOTTISH CO.

Vickers Gun Class of instruction will be held at Corps Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 16.

PORTUGUESE CO.

Peak Range has been allotted to the Company Rifle Club on Sunday, July 15.

Miniature Range. All recruits will parade for Miniature Range practice on Friday, July 15.

Kennedy-road Range has been allotted to No. 10 Platoon on Friday, July 13.

All Recruits will parade at Corps Headquarters on Friday, July 20, for Arms and Squad Drill.

Bayonets. All those who have not as yet returned their bayonets to Corps Stores, must do so before Tuesday, July 17, 1928.

STRENGTH.

The following recruit is taken on the strength and posted as under: No. 1349 Gunner G. W. Gunn, The Battery, as from July 6, 1928. Appointments and Promotions as from July 1, 1928.

MOTOR CYCLE SECTION.

No. 1150 L/Cpl. H. G. Williams to be Lance Sergeant.

No. 1134 L/Cpl. G. H. Bond to be Corporal.

No. 1255 Pte. P. L. P. Thomas to be Lance Corporal.

No. 705 Pte. B. S. Rogers to be Lance Corporal.

No. 1198 Pte. J. W. Beattie to be Lance Corporal as from July 10, 1928.

TRANSFERS.

No. 1300 Pte. R. J. D. C. Grieve from No. 7 Platoon to the Mountain Infantry Company, as from July 9, 1928.

No. 1246 Pte. J. W. E. Stirling, from No. 6 Platoon to Motor Cycle Section, as from June 28, 1928.

LEAVE.

No. 1212 Sergt. R. A. Ferreira, Corps Band, from July 10, 1928 to August 9, 1928.

STRUCK OFF THE STRENGTH: "Having left the Colony."

No. 674 C.S.M. J. A. G. Leask Reserve Company, as from June 22, 1928.

No. 1279 Bandsman C. M. Houghton, Band, as from July 6, 1928.

"Having failed to complete the requirements of promotion," as from April 1, 1928.

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CHINESE LOANS.**TWO ISSUES INCLUDED IN CLAIMS.****HOPES OF PAYMENT.**

London, Yesterday. The committee of holders of Chinese Government's "Vickers" and "Marconi" issues of eight per cent, notes intimate that they have lodged particulars of principal and interest outstanding with the Foreign Office, and have been officially informed by the Foreign Secretary that the British Minister at Peking is being instructed to include these debts among the claims awaiting satisfaction, and to press for their payment when the proper time comes.

Hope is expressed that in view of the proceedings of the National Economic Conference held in Shanghai in June that that time is not very far distant.—Reuter.

Russo-Asiatic Bank.

Peking, Yesterday. Mr. T. V. Soong has appointed Mr. Li Ming as Director-General and Mr. Percy Chu as Associate Director-General for the liquidation of the Russo-Asiatic Bank and its branches in China. They were formerly liquidator and associate liquidator in Shanghai. It is authoritatively stated that the Nationalist Government will confirm the regulations for the liquidation of bank issued in Peking in 1926.—Reuter.

The Kuominchun.

Peking, Yesterday. The headquarters of General Lu Chung-lin (right hand man of the "Christian General") will shortly be transferred from Peking to Shunthefu, and the Kuominchun troops which have recently been in the neighbourhood of Pachow will go to Tamsui soon.—Reuter.

Sinkiang's Governor.

Peking, Yesterday. According to the vernacular papers, the Nanking Government has decided to appoint Yang Tseng-hsin as chairman of the Sinkiang Assembly and Director of frontier defence there.—Reuter.

Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Dress, plain clothes.

MOTHER MACHREE.**SENTIMENTAL PICTURE AT THE QUEEN'S.**

No picture-goer could help liking "Mother Machree," showing to-day and to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre, and there are very many who will say it is one of the best films they have ever witnessed. It deals with the Irish as we know them, is full of sentiment, being based upon the well-known ballad, with just sufficient comic relief to prevent the sentiment getting slushy. Belle Bennett plays the most difficult role of Mother Machree, and is well supported by Neil Hamilton as the son and Victor McLaglen and Ted McNamara as what we may term typical characters. The play opens in an Irish home, the photography of which is excellent, but most of the action takes place in America, to which land Mother Machree and her son, Brian, emigrate after her husband's death. Victor McLaglen has perhaps the strongest role after Belle Bennett. He plays the part of the leader of a troupe of strolling players and later as an American policeman. Altogether a splendid picture.

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Patent Medicines, Medical Instruments, Drugs, Perfumes, Soaps and all toilet requisites, etc., etc.

July 14—Meeting of Creditors of the Yuen-UN Company, Ltd., at 6 Des Voeux-road, Cl., noon.

July 16—H.K.V.D.C. promenade concert committee's meeting at Volunteer Headquarters, 6 p.m.

July 19—H. K. Football Club extraordinary general meeting board room of Messrs. Jardines, 5.30 p.m.

July 23—H.K.V.D.C. Sports Committee meeting at Headquarters, 6.45 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

July 14—Bathing picnic by St. Andrew's Y.M.C., 4 p.m.

TEASERS.**Answers to To-day's Questions.****THE PSYCHIC HEALER CURES "DIABETES."**

I had been suffering from 'diabetes' for many years. I had gone under many treatments, but all in vain. I had no hope of recovery. I was told by one of my friends to see the 'Psychic Healer' now staying in the Hotel Savoy. So, I went to consult him, who gave me a few 'Tawizes.' I acted according to his instructions and now I am completely cured of my disease.

I offer my sincere thanks to the renowned 'Spiritualist.'

(Signed) E. S. YIP,

57, Caine Road.

Hong Kong, 6th July, 1928.

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Sport Columns
BOWLS.

SOME REMARKABLE RESULTS.

INTERESTING TABLES.

[By "Bias"]

Last week's remarkable results had little bearing on the Championship except to strengthen the leader's position. I did not expect Taikoo to go down but I was surprised at the margin. The Club de Recreio "A" after being a bit shaky for a week or two have come into their own again and must be reckoned with for the Championship. Two sides finishing up all square on the same day was another unusual feature.

The League table in the Second Division is very interesting. Civil Service are in a strong position; but having gone down to their neighbours, Craigengower, they will have to be careful if they mean to step up next season. Behind them, Kowloon Bowling Green and Recreio "A" may do anything, and I would not be the least surprised to see all three finish level.

The other question I have heard discussed during the week I mentioned before—the postponed match between Craigengower and Kowloon Dock. A ruling has been asked from home; but if the two Captains decide to play off from where they left off, can the Association interfere? This match will however probably be kept till the end of the season and if the leaders go on as they are going now, it will not be necessary. The ruling, however, in a climate like ours, where Bowls is played in the Typhoon season, is absolutely necessary.

To-morrow the leaders go over to the K.C.G. and should win. All three rinks know one another well and as was well shown last week, any rink can carry the other two if necessary.

Next Door the Bowling Green play the Police. After last week's experience the Police will be on their mettle and I shall not be the last surprised if they take away the points. The Civil Servants go to Taikoo and will find a strange green and a team out to redeem their reputation after last week's disaster at the Valley. The Ship-builders are reputed however to be very clever on their present temporary green.

In the Second Division a game worth watching ought to be the Recreio "A"s visit to the valley. Recreio are full of optimism after last Saturday's result and they know full well that if they fail at this hurdle their hopes of the Championship are very small. Civil Service II, with their tails in the air will I think prove too good. The other games do not seem to point to anything out of the ordinary, though I am interested to see how East Poole will fare against K.C.C. Their side has entirely changed but the present players have been putting in practice and on their own sword which is tricky, they ought to come back into the limelight by defeating the lowly K.C.C.

In the open Championship as I said last week, there is little to say till we reach the last sixteen. We are getting on the way and some of the stalwarts are falling regularly. The last to fall is Omar, beaten by an old war-horse who has seen much service but never has got into the select few who are considered as likely winners before the Competition starts. "Gud luck tae him" Grinnell has been playing well lately and he is the latest tip I have for the final, but veteran Ferguson all on his own must be seriously thought of.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

Matches down for decision tomorrow are:

Division I.
Taikoo v. Civil Service.
Bowling Green v. Police.
Kowloon C.C. v. Craigengower.

Division II.
Craigengower v. Taikoo.
Civil Service v. Recreio "A".
Recreio "B" v. Yacht Club.
East Point v. Kowloon C.C.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:

Division I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Craigengower C.C.	6	6	0	0	12
Taikoo R.C.	7	4	0	3	8
Kowloon B.G.C.	5	3	0	2	6
Civil Service C.C.	5	3	0	2	6
Nippon	5	2	3	0	4
R.A.O.C.	7	2	0	5	4
Recreio I.	7	1	6	2	2
Kowloon C.C.	8	0	6	0	0

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LEAGUE TENNIS.

C.R.C. LIKELY TO WIN "B" DIVISION.

TO-MORROW'S MATCHES.

By defeating Club de Recreio in the "B" league on Saturday, Chinese R.C. (holders) have further strengthened their position in this division. They cannot now be overtaken as they have won nine matches off the reel but should they unexpectedly lose their remaining match there is a chance of a play-off with either South China or Hong Kong C.C.

Royal Engineers found Indian R.C. very much off form, the former securing their first points of the season. Craigengower C.C. also broke their run of bad luck and after winning for the first time at the expense of Kowloon C.C. they defeated Royal Engineers on Wednesday.

Both the Wong Kong C.C. and South China A.A. won their matches by a similar margin of 33 games from Nippon Club and the University respectively. The first two clubs have lost one match each out of the seven and are racing neck-to-neck for the runners-up berth.

In the "C" division, the three Chinese teams are still in winning vein and their meeting with one another will be awaited with interest.

To-morrow Matches:

The following fixtures are on the card for to-morrow:

"B" Division.

Chinese R.C. v. Nippon.
Craigengower v. Indian R.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. Royal Engineers.
M.B.K. v. University.
Hong Kong C.C. v. South China.

"C" Division.

Kowloon Indians v. R.A.O.C.
Kennedy-rd. M.Q. v. South China.
Nippon v. Chinese R.C.I.
Indian R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.
Chinese R.C. II. v. Recreio I.
Civil Service v. Recreio I.
Y.M.C.A. v. Hong Kong C.C.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:

"A" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	6	6	0	12	18
Hong Kong C.C.	5	4	1	8	13
M.B.K.	6	4	2	8	12
Indian R.C.	6	2	4	4	10
University	5	1	4	2	10
Kowloon C.C.	5	1	4	2	10

"B" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Chinese R.C. II.	9	9	0	18	18
South China A.A.	8	7	1	14	14
Hong Kong C.C.	7	6	1	12	13
Recreio II.	7	5	3	10	10
Indian R.C.	6	3	3	6	12
Nippon	6	3	3	6	12
University	5	1	4	2	10
Kowloon C.C.	5	1	4	2	10

"C" Division.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Chinese R.C. II.	9	9	0	18	18
Chinese R.C. I.	7	7	0	14	14
Recreio II.	7	6	1	12	13
Kowloon C.C.	7	5	3	10	10
South China A.A.	4	4	0	8	8
Hong Kong C.C.	7	4	3	10	11
Kennedy-rd. M.Q.	8	4	4	8	12
Civil Service C.C.	6	3	3	6	12
Nippon	5	2	3	4	10
R.A.M.C.	7	2	0	5	10
Indian R.C.	7	1	6	2	10
Y.M.C.A.	7	1	6	2	10
Recreio I.	7	1	6	2	10
Kowloon I.T.C.	8	0	8	0	0

TO CANADA.

FAR EAST LAST.

MACKINNON CUP SHOOT.

AUSTRALIA ON TOP.

London, Yesterday. At Bisley the Mackinnon Cup was won by Australia, with 1034 points. Canada scored 1039, Scotland 1037, England 1035, Ireland 969 and India 941.

The Far East was last with 902 points.—Reuter.



Miss Glenn Collett, twice women's golf champion of the United States, who is in England for her third title hunt.

VARSITY POLO.

CAMBRIDGE DEFEATS OXFORD.

3 GOALS TO 2.

London, Yesterday. In the University Polo match, at Hurlingham Cambridge beat Oxford by three goals to two.—Reuter.

VISITORS WIN.

WEST INDIES BEAT STAFFS.

London, Yesterday. The West Indies beat Staffordshire by 8 wickets. Staffs 99 and 181. West Indies 159 and 123 for 2.—Reuter.

BASEBALL.

The Filipino line-up against the S.C. "Dragons" for to-morrow's game will be as follows:—

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Zafra—P. I., Irisu.

Currem-D. Lettville—3B.

Murata—S.S.

Alvarez—2B.

Fernandez-Delgado—L.F.

A. Rull-Alvarez—R.F.

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"SPEAKING CHOIR."

POETRY AND RHYTHM IN
MUSIC.

ENSEMBLE IN SPEECH.

[By B. Forbes Parker.]

A short time ago, in Dresden, while attending a school demonstration evening, I made the acquaintance of the "Sprech-Chor" (literally translated, "Speech," or "Speaking Choir"), a form of art which was new to me, and which interested me extremely.

The name explains itself. The "Sprech-Chor" consists of a number of people grouped, as for part-singing, according to the natural pitch of their voices, who proclaim together in a rhythm directed and controlled by the conductor.

Tone Colour.

In this case the infinite variety of tone-colour and the intensely dramatic effect achieved were quite extraordinary, yet the choir was composed of ordinary young working men and women, who probably met for practice on one or two evenings in the week, and possessed no particular talent above the average.

The pieces chosen for production were short, somewhat dramatic in content, and possessing a variety of mood which gave opportunity for very effective changes of tone-colour.

The speakers kept together, as one voice, and declaimed in a perfect, never-faltering rhythm with the conductor's baton. In the opening stanza the voices were hushed, almost pianissimo, but with every word distinct and peculiarly penetrating in tone; the cadence was mournful, the tempo slow. As the mood changed the voices swelled, quickened, became alive and arresting, took on a warmer quality; there was something amazingly vital and stimulating in the effect produced, and the climax was admirably timed and complete.

Had the same stanzas been sung the effect would have been only a quarter as interesting. One would probably not have distinguished all the words; certainly their meaning and beauty would never have come through in the same way. One's attention would have been distracted by the melody, from the urge of the rhythmic movement; the dramatic changes and moods would have been blurred and ineffective. I do not know if this very absorbing form of vocal work is much known in England; myself I have never met it.

Community Singing.

This seems to me a very fine variation of the practice of community singing, which has found such favour of late, and of infinite artistic and technical value, especially for schools and all music-training centres. It requires very careful teaching of voice production and enunciation, and on the part of the choir much more control and concentration than is required for ordinary choral singing, as the slightest irregularity in only one voice, of tone, rhythm, or even breathing, will ruin an entire climax. Also, it is within the powers of everyone who is able to spend at all, and a most gratifying and dramatic effect can be obtained with average voices.

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OUTDOOR OPERA.

MOONLIGHT FESTIVAL IN
VENICE.

[By A. Beaumont.]

The news that the "Mid-Summer Nights" of Venice are to be made delightful with music and opera in the square of St. Mark's has stirred up enthusiasm in the City of the Doges. The performances of "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusticana" under the auspices of the Federazione Provinciale Fascista di Venezia and the direction of Maestro Carlo Walter will take place in July, and at least two nights are promised, with the probability that they will be repeated, as the object is to collect funds for the building of a Fascist palace worthy of Venice. It is even probable that Mascagni himself will direct the performance.

The principal singers will be Aurelano Pertile, Benjamino Gigli, Carlo Galeffi, and Rosetta Panpanini—all of the Scala of Milan. The orchestra will consist of 160 musicians, and 150 choristers will be prepared by Vittore Veneziani of the Scala. There is talk of erecting on the square on the Napoleonic side of the Portico a vast stage 75 ft. wide and 200 ft. deep, with elaborate curtains, decorations, and stage scenery prepared by Rovescalli and innumerable little booths and dressing-rooms for the artists. Orders have been given to all the workers in and around Treviso, famous for their wickerwork talent, for something like 10,000 comfortable wicker armchairs to accommodate the spectators and make the hearing of the music comfortable.

The advantages of attending opera by moonlight in the open air under the shadow of the Campanile will be that one can smoke and order drinks while enjoying the music. During the intervals the lights of the cafes and of the square will illuminate the scene, but during the performance, they will be turned off and replaced by occasional floods of Bengal lights from the balconies, from which powerful flash-lights will also produce the necessary stage effects. There is even talk of spreading a special cover over the stage so as to increase the carrying power and sonority of the voices and the orchestra, and all this we shall be able to judge and appreciate whilst sipping our ices at the little tables.

THE DRESDEN OPERA

THE MECCA OF MUSIC-LOVERS.

[By Elizabeth Craig.]

If, interested in music, you plan to spend a holiday in Europe this summer, why not sojourn at Dresden this month, when all the musical world and his wife in Central Europe will be flocking thither?

For this year brings to Dresden the fiftieth anniversary of its Opera House which was built from the plans of Gottfried Semper on the site of the old opera house, destroyed by fire in 1869. It is rich in cultural history. Richard Wagner and Carl Maria von Weber were among the great musicians who have served there as directors. It first became famous because the chief works of Richard Strauss were presented there for the first time. "Salomé" was given in 1905, "Elektra" in 1909, and "The Rose Cavalier" in 1911. The names of Director Ernst von Schuch and Manager Count von Seebach are inseparably connected with this epoch of the Dresden Opera.

Herr Fritz Busch, who has made a reputation for himself in the United States during the past two years on account of the many successful symphony concerts he has directed, is now director of the Dresden Opera, and the orchestra in Dresden a festival month, which includes the centennial celebration of the Saxon University of Technology.—"Daily Telegraph."

LIGHT OPERA.

A TRIPLE BILL IN
ENGLISH.

[By A. Beaumont.]

Mr. W. Johnstone-Douglas's season of light opera in English at the Royal Court Theatre entered upon its second phase, when a triple bill was presented comprising "The Shepherds of the Delectable Mountains," by R. Vaughan Williams; "The Puppet Show of Master Pedro," by Manuel de Falla; and "The Faithful Sentinel," by Franz Schubert.

Contrast between any three one-act works could hardly be more striking. One would not naturally place the first of these in the category of "light" opera; even opera as a convention, wide as it is, is being somewhat stretched, to include a mystical work so weak in action and ordinary human interest. Renewed acquaintance with it does not remove one's first impression, that it is exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to perform as "opera intime." It seems to require some other medium. To me it is merely a melancholy demonstration of creaking, manneristic music, unconvincing as the painted mountains which are its mise-en-scene and completely lacking in spiritual ecstasy. Messrs. Cuthbert Smith, William Biggs, and Richard Watson played the three shepherdesses. Mr. Johnstone-Douglas the Pilgrim, Mr. Stewart Wilson the Celestial Messenger, and Miss Vivienne Chatterton, behind the scenes, was the Voice of the Bird.

"Sheer Delight."

Renewed acquaintance, on the other hand, with the Spanish operettas gave one sheer delight. Here is matchless music after its kind, matchless orchestration. All Mr. Adrian Boult's keenness and sympathy could not put real vitality into the first scene; vitality seemed to pour forth out of the second at the first wave of his wand. It was not a perfect performance; the puppets did not work as easily as they might; the stage grouping was carried out a little self-consciously; and the direction of the principals was not always clear. But as an entertainment it is distinctly amusing, the orchestra contributing its hand-some quota to the fun.

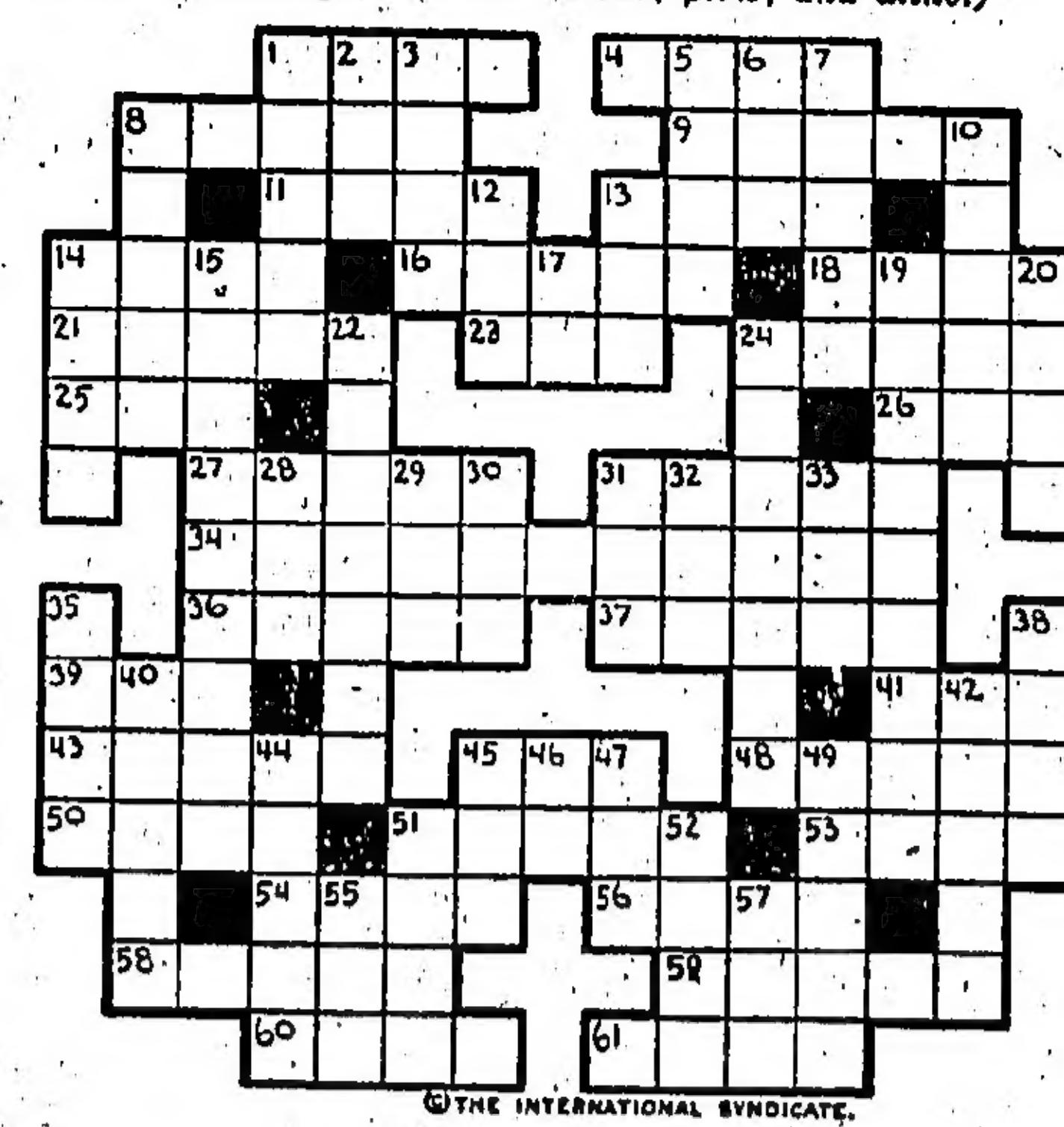
In its present form "The Faithful Sentinel" was new, though as "Der Vierjaehrige Post" it has had its day in Germany. The original, having been edited by Fritz Busch (of the Dresden Opera) and Professor Donald Tovey, was provided with a new libretto by Rudolf Lauckner, and it is upon this that Mr. Stewart Wilson has based the version that was presented. Never was a plot more simple, never was music more naive and charming. The music is said to date from Schubert's sixteenth year. Opera, we know, was not Franz's forte, and the haymaking choruses and the various solos and duets are all deliciously improbable. In its new guise, however, "The Faithful Sentinel" adds a new attraction to the manifold delights of our (at present) operatic metropolis. It was capitally produced; each of the principals—Mr. Wilson, Miss Dorothy Silk, and Miss Astrid Desmond—sings well; and it was well received.

status of the orchestra in the German musical world, and to the fact that the opera is adequately supported by public funds, that Dresden is one of the few cities in Germany which produces premieres that attract the attention of music critics all over the world.

It was here that Puccini's post-war opera, "Turandot," had its splendid German premiere, which was in reality its second performance in Europe. The first performance of Strauss's new opera, "The Egyptian Helen," has inaugurated a festival month, which includes the centennial celebration of the Saxon University of Technology.—"Daily Telegraph."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
1-Large barrel
43-A great American tragedian
6-To comb, as wool
8-Island of ancient Greece
11-Who was the mother of the gods?
15-What is propelled by paddles?
22-To chew suddenly
24-Great age
28-A rooting mammal
29-One (Scot.)
30-Mountain (abbr.)
31-Fellow of the Royal Society (Latin-abbr.)
32-Amount (abbr.)
33-A compass point (abbr.)
35-An infant
38-Short for "Elizabeth"
VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Warble
2-Train of the olive
3-Family
4-Look for
5-Bovine animal
6-Boy's name (familiar)
7-Sailing vessel
8-Settled course of progress
10-County called in England
12-Metric land measure
13-To balk
14-Son of Seth
15-Highlander
16-Church bench
17-Large monkey

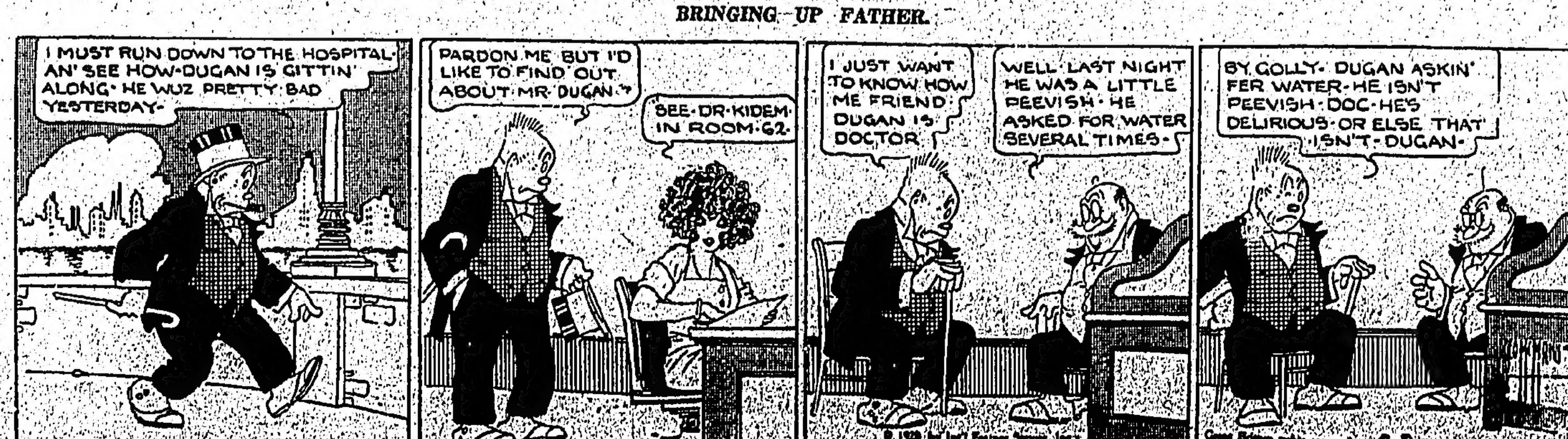
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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REEL	SILPS
MACES	STARE
SPORTS	DEPOT
MAN	SEADANS
RECENT	J PLAINS
AWING	CAC STOOL
FELL	CABAL TUNE
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GAE	OGEE
PESTS	TERSE

by the growth and establishment of another empire, how one great poet is succeeded by another. It is confirmed by the philosopher who maintains that life is but a continuous state of contention, an aspiration towards the unknown, and by the moralist whose aim is moral excellence. But neither historian, philosopher, nor moralist have started from the premises of M. Kryzhanovsky, and this path leads through many a field which, as far as we know, has been never explored before. Incidentally, he explores the theory that animals have no "ear." Dogs can be made to know a note of the scale, we are told, as long as the sounding of the note is connected with a promise of a desirable event. If the note is played before giving meat to the dog, in time the striking of the note will be sufficient to make his mouth water, or, in scientific terms, to "create a conditional reflex." But if the experiment should be discontinued for a while, the note excites no further interest in the dog, so that music for him is not the food of love, but the love of food.

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SIR HARI SINGH.

RULER OF ROMANTIC KASHMIR.

GARDEN OF ASIA.

[By James Milne.]

Sir Hari Singh, the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir, was recently in London attending the conference of Indian Ruling Princes.

It was a pleasant invitation that came to me in Srinagar week or two ago, for it read: "The Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir at home at the Gulab Bhawan Palace." Not only would there be the jingle of tea-cups, very sweet music on a warm afternoon in India, but there would be a meeting and some talk with Sir Hari Singh, K.C.I.E. He ranks high among the Indian Princes, alike for his possessions, which are spacious and rich, and for his personality, in which the East and West effectively meet. He is a faithful son of India, an inheritor of its traditions, and at the same time he is enlightened about the West.

"I like London," he said that sunny afternoon at his new Kashmir palace overlooking the famous Dal Lake; "like it better than its neighbour Paris. No doubt a chief reason for this is that I know English while I do not know French, or only very little French. One gets on much better in a foreign country when one converses easily with its people; indeed, to be at home with strangers that is necessary." "Moreover," he added, "while Paris may be prettier-smarter, do you say—that London, I am sure London is kindlier, more sympathetic."

It was suggested to him that probably the great human quality of London is its motherliness, its all-motherliness for all races, and he nodded understandingly. "I should like some day," he went on, "to visit America, but its size, its millions of people, its vast energies, and its rapidity of life rather appeal me, and I'm afraid I'll never have enough courage to go there."

MAN AND SPORTSMAN.

Sir Hari Singh's figure is of more than the average height, and he holds it straight and strong, as might be supposed, for he is an accomplished polo player, a crack shot, as, the ducks of Kashmir could testify, and a good sportsman generally. Especially he looks well in the tight-fitting jacket, having a high, close collar, and the Jodhpore breeches which are fashionable with Indian gentlemen. The face is regular, yet mobile in expression; the forehead broad, the nose decidedly aquiline, the mouth graceful but firm. You would notice Sir Hari Singh even among the nabobs of India for his humorous, observant eye, his air of affability, and his bearing.

Kashmir is the garden of Asia, "Cashmere," wrote Elphinstone, the historian of India, using the old spelling, "still maintains its cele-

brity as the most delicious spot in Asia or in the world." That was long years ago, but Sir Hari Singh's principality has lost none of its romance, none of its gay beauty, none of its soft charm. There it is, nestling among the Himalayas, which, like white-helmeted sentinels, watch severely over it, jealous of their charge. It has an agreeable climate all the year, except that midsummer is hot at Srinagar and along the banks of the Jhelum. Nobody goes to Kashmir without learning to love it and its dream river, the classical Hydaspes. One "Sees God in clouds and hears Him in the wind," and to look down from the Takht-i-Suleiman, otherwise the Throne of Solomon, is to have "Summer in a vale of flowers... sleeping rosy at its feet." Even so, the Maharaja of Kashmir spends far less time there than he does at Jammu, his other kingdom, southward, not so high among the Himalayas, which is older in his family line; and here hangs a most historic tale.

HOW KASHMIR CAME.

The magic carpet of Kashmir holds many threads of all colours, recalling the captains who have driven their chariots through it. Alexander passed this way; nay, so tradition says, embarked on the Jhelum to get the Indus. Akbar, and the other Moghul kings, rested their summer caravans in the Shalimar, the Nasim Bagh, or some other of their pleasure gardens by the lotus-covered Dal Lake. Kashmir

may be said to have drifted down the centuries, for its people, perhaps because the silken lotus infected them, accepted their conquerors rather than struggled with them. So it came to modern times, never valorous but ever coloured with romance, and the bold Sikhs took it from the brave Pathans in 1819, when we were settling up our Waterloo victory. It became part of the Punjab, and remained Sikh until the end of the Sutlej campaign, when we occupied Lahore, and so also acquired Kashmir.

Sir Hari Singh's ancestor, the old swashbuckling, roughish, far-seeing Gulab Singh, after whom he bears his name, was then Maharaja of Jammu, and of it only. He was the head of a Hindoo family in a Little State which to-day is evenly divided between Hindoos and Mohammedans, while Kashmir, notwithstanding the religion of its ruler, is almost wholly Mohammedan. Gulab Singh had helped us in our struggle with the warlike Sikhs, and in consideration of this we made him what was almost a present of Kashmir.

Strictly the contract, dated March 16, 1924, was that he paid us seventy-five lacs of rupees—less than half a million sterling; that he came to our assistance with his whole army whenever we were at war with any people near his frontier; that he gave entrance to us, if need be, and kept an open roadway for us through Kashmir; that he acknowledge our full supremacy, including the oversight of all external relationships; and of Kashmir.

Mr. Leslie Howard, who has been touring the United States with Mr. Galsworthy's play, "Escape," was taken to hospital suffering from appendicitis, just as he was about to sail in the Carmania with his wife and children. Mrs. Howard decided to sail with the children, leaving her husband behind.

Sir Eric Phipps, the new British Minister to the Austrian Republic, called on Dr. Hainisch, the President, and after a friendly exchange of greetings presented his letters of credence.

that, in token of all this, he sent us every year half a dozen Kashmir shawls.

We had so much to do in India about the middle of last century—John Company and then the nation—that probably we were glad to cut out Kashmir in this fashion. But it was a wonderful deal for Gulab Singh, and no wonder that his successor is ever careful that the Kashmir tribute shawls which come annually to King George and Queen Mary shall be the very finest. They represent a loyal salute and a gallant gesture, but what are they against the Vale of Kashmir and all the hill country around it?

OLD AND NEW.

The appanage which came to Gulab Singh was promptly got in hand by him, and by all accounts he ruled with an iron hand, loving kingship in fact as well as in circumstance. To-day the iron hand of the average Indian maharaja or raja—great raja or little raja—is at least velvet-gloved, and at Jammu Sir Hari Singh has little State show compared with that which surrounded Gulab. But he has, alike in Jammu and in Kashmir, principalities of far greater worth than they then were, and Kashmir mineral possibilities may some day dazzle the world.

Sir Hari is never likely, as the Moghul Akbar did, to boast on a Kashmir hill the boast, "Chief of the kings of the world... may his dominions extend." But in Kashmir he has a kingdom of singular delights and of great importance for the future of India, because its waters could refresh all the Punjab and because Srinagar is every year becoming more of a resort for the Anglo-Indian. He, or often, perhaps, she, is very content to face the long railway journey north from Bombay or Calcutta in order to enjoy a house-boat rest on the Jhelum.

Nor has the motor ride of 200 miles from Rawalpindi to Srinagar any terrors, except the risk of falling over a precipice into the river, for it must be the most entrancing ride in the world. Mountains, valleys, trees, flowers, green grass, and clear water about which Jehangir's queen might have written, "This fountain has come from the springs of Paradise." —"Daily Telegraph."

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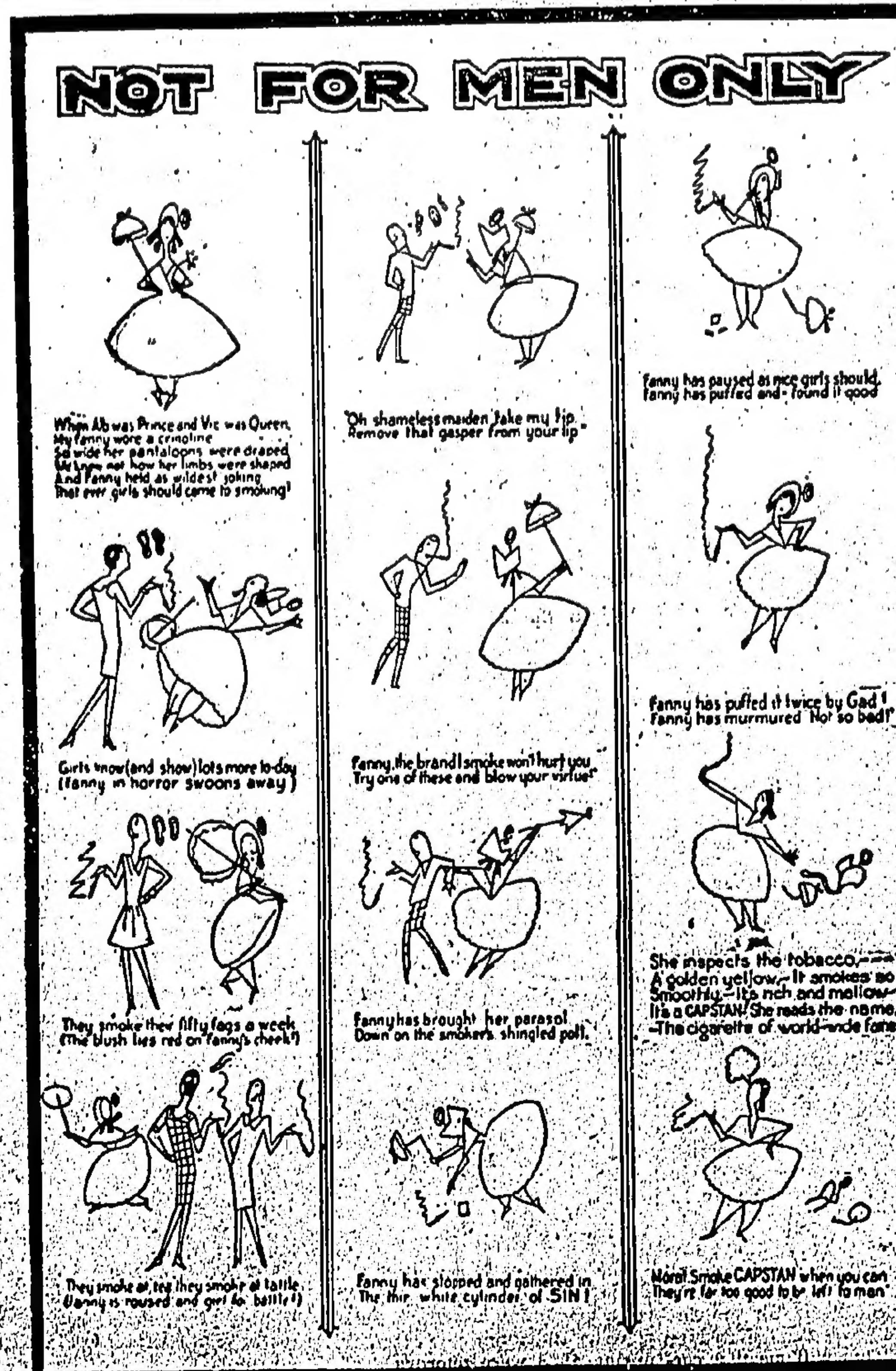
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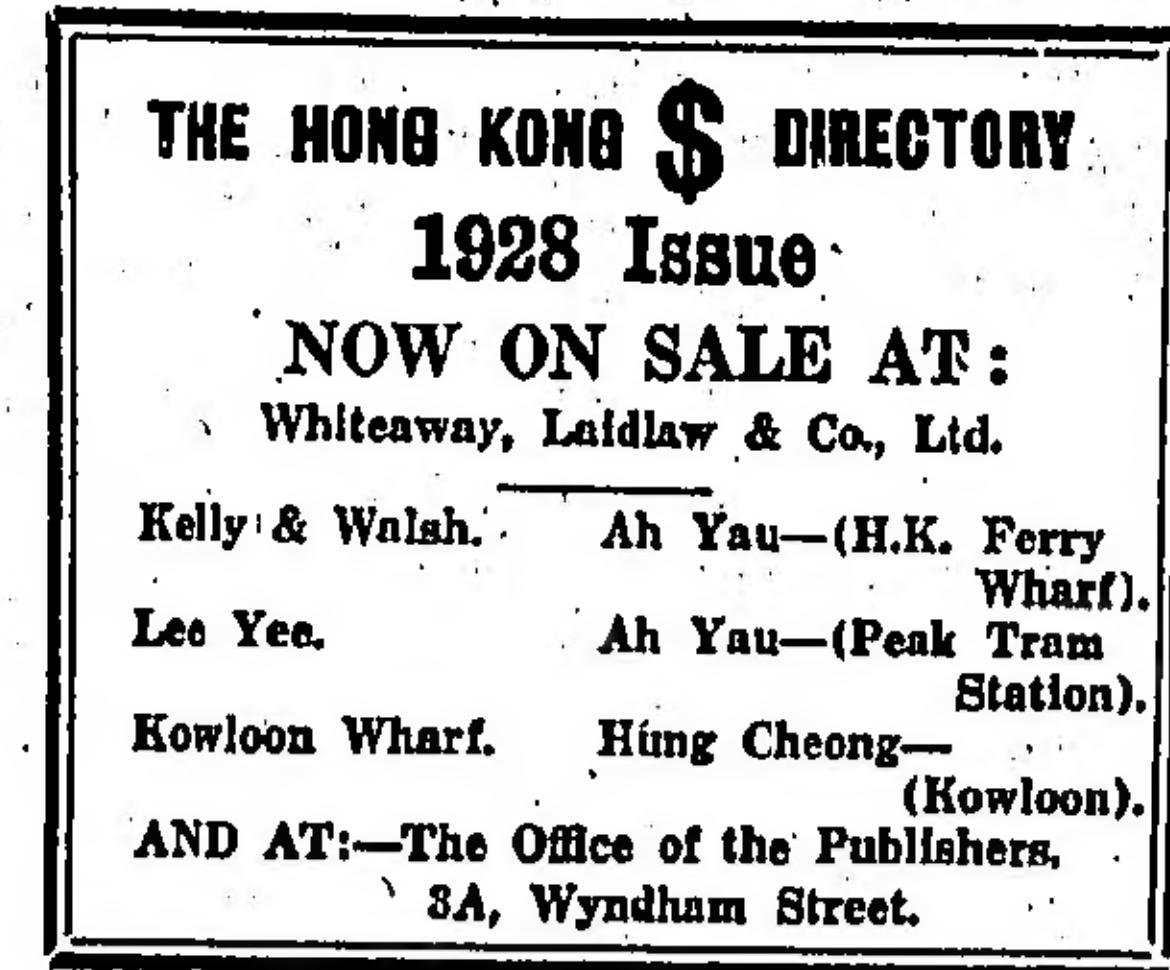
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SUNDAY, JULY 15.		
Manila	Empress of Asia	
Europe via Nagapatam (Papers only, London, 14th June)	Hong Hwa	
MONDAY, JULY 16.		
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TUESDAY, JULY 17.		
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THURSDAY, JULY 19.		
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FRIDAY, JULY 13.		
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Haiphong	Tonkin	3.30 p.m.
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Amoy	Pres. Adams	5 p.m.
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Bangkok via Swatow	Kilgan	9 a.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	11 a.m.
MONDAY, JULY 16.	Kanchow	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
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THE G. P. O. ANNUAL STATEMENT.

SIGNS OF PROGRESS.

BIG INCREASE IN SAVINGS' BANK DEPOSITS.

WIRELESS LICENCES.

London, Yesterday. The Postmaster-General Sir William Mitchell Thomson, speaking in the House of Commons, on the vote for his Department, said that Government securities held by savings bank investors had increased during the year by over £6,000,000 to £201,000,000. The amount of savings bank deposits had increased by nearly two millions to a total of over £284,000,000.

He mentioned that the wireless telephony and broadcasting experiments with outlying parts of the Empire were still in progress and said that the number of wireless licence holders in Great Britain had increased by 211,000 or over nine per cent. during last year.—British Wireless Service.

NEW ORDINANCES.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

SUPPLEMENTARY VOTES.

Four bills passed their second and third reading, without amendment, in the Legislative Council yesterday and became law. These were:—

An Ordinance to amend the Distress for Rent Ordinance, 1883.

An Ordinance to amend the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914.

An Ordinance to amend the Registration of United Kingdom Patents Ordinance, 1925, and to make certain provisions with regard to letters patent granted under the Patents' Ordinance, 1892.

An Ordinance to authorise the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of \$387,599.33, to defray the Charges of the year 1927.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Speaking on behalf of the unofficial members when the second reading of the last-named had been moved and seconded, the Hon. Dr. Kotewall said:—I beg to tender the Government our congratulations on the satisfactory financial condition of the Colony in 1927. The fact that they have been able to turn an estimated deficit of \$1,300,000 into an actual surplus of half a million dollars is evidence of the care and skill exercised by them in the administration of the Colony's finances. As to the various items in the Appropriation Account, they have received the consideration of the Finance Committee and have been adopted by this Council, and we have no comment to offer on the Bill.

TWO NEW BILLS.

Two bills were read a first time. These were:—

An Ordinance to amend further the Companies Ordinance, 1911 (the object being to reduce the annual China Companies' fee from 4 cents to 1 cent per \$100 of paid-up capital in the case of private companies substantially all the shares in which are held by a parent company).

An Ordinance to amend the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

BIGGER PENSIONS.

In moving the first reading of the latter, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock said:—As hon. members will see from the Objects and Reasons, this Bill has been introduced on instructions received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies. The tables which are contained in the schedule to the Ordinance of 1908 are all worked out on the six per cent. basis, that is to say, on the basis that contributions are earning interest at the rate of six per cent. By this Bill new tables are introduced which assume a rate of eight per cent. on the contributions made, and these new tables are substituted for the present tables in Schedule A.

Section 2 of this Ordinance provides that all future pensions shall be calculated on the basis of the new tables and that all existing pensions shall be re-calculated on that basis. This will mean a cer-

MALMGREN'S LONELY DEATH.

HIS LAST REQUEST.

MARIANO AND ZAPPI ON WIND-SWEPT ICEBERG.

FURTHER DETAILS.

Moscow, Yesterday. The "Krasin" reached the "Italia's" walking party at 6.40 this morning. Professor Malmgren died a month ago, but Zappi was well though Malmgren had a frozen leg.

Notwithstanding that they had eaten nothing for thirteen days, Malmgren and Zappi were in good spirits and full of courage. The "Krasin," afterwards proceeded in the direction of Lieut. Viglieri's party, who are twenty miles away. Chukovsky had asked the "Krasin" to give the first attention to the Malmgren party, carriage,

whose condition was serious. He further set off to repair his under-The Rescue.

Rome, Yesterday. An official "communiqué" states that the "Citta di Milano" has re-established wireless communication with the Viglieri party, and also with the "Krasin," which has reported that, after sighting the Malmgren party, Chukovsky damaged his machine in landing near Cape Platani.

There were five persons aboard the plane, which managed to reach the coast. They have a long wavelength wireless set and provisions for a fortnight.

The "Krasin" is proceeding towards the two parties. She is now twelve miles from the Malmgren party and forty-two miles from Lieut. Viglieri.

FURTHER DETAILS.

Moscow, Yesterday. According to the Tass Agency correspondent, which is on board the "Krasin," a small iceberg with a man standing and another prostrate was sighted by the "Krasin" at 5 p.m. at the spot indicated by Chukhnikovsky.

Considerable efforts were made before Marino and Zappi were taken aboard at seven o'clock.

The rescued declared that Malmgren fractured his hand when the "Italia" crashed and that subsequently both of his legs were frozen. At his own request he was left near Broch Lissland.

Mariano and Zappi remained on the iceberg, which was driven by the wind. Their health is satisfactory.—Reuter.

certain increase in existing pensions and in the calculation of future pensions, but the increase will not be so great as might be imagined because a temporary increase of 25 per cent. has been made during recent years and that increase of 25 per cent. will cease when this present Bill becomes law.

THOSE PRESENT.

The meeting was held in the Sanitary Board room in the Post Office building. The attendance comprised:—

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.), Colonel R. B. Skinner, O.B.E., R.E. (Officer Commanding the South China Command),

Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Colonial Secretary),

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. (acting Attorney General),

Hon. Mr. C. Mc. Miser, O.B.E., (Colonial Treasurer),

Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E. (Director of Public Works),

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Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie.

Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Both.

Mr. H. R. Butters (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

FINANCE VOTES.

The Finance Committee of the Council met subsequently. Nine votes amounting to \$69,250 to supplement the Colony's expenditure during 1928 were approved.

THE KELLOGG PACT.

GERMANY AGREES.

IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS IN BERLIN.

PACT & OTHER AGREEMENTS.

Berlin, Yesterday. The German Government has notified the United States' Ambassador of their readiness to sign Mr. Kellogg's Multilateral Anti-War Pact.

Sir Cecil Hurst (Britain), M. Fromageot (France) and Herr Gauff (Germany) have been conferring in Berlin on various points affecting agreements which have reached Geneva and had also discussed the Kellogg's Pact.—Reuters.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

SIX CHINESE BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

ARMED ROBBERY.

There was a sequel, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, to the recent armed robbery on the premises of the Cheung Yuen Chinese medicine firm, No. 84, Des Vaux-road West, second floor.

Six Chinese were charged before Major C. Wilson, O.B.E., with having been implicated in the crime. The charge against four of the accused was armed robbery, whilst the other two were indicted as accessories before the fact, and in addition had to answer a count of possession of firearms. The sixth man also had a third charge against him of receiving stolen property.

All six accused who were not represented by solicitors pleaded "not guilty."

The first witness for the prosecution was Ng Yul-pui, a fok of the Cheung Yuen firm. According to him the robbery occurred on the early morning of June 30. At about 7.30 a.m., whilst the witness was going into the kitchen to make tea, the door bell rang.

RUSH WITH REVOLVER.

Witness asked who was there, and a man at the door said he was looking for Ah Suen, and on being admitted, he rushed into the room holding a revolver in front of him. He was followed by a second man, who kept a watchful eye over the fok while they were being trussed up and gagged by the first man. After an interval, two other robbers also appeared in the flat, and a search was made for money and valuables.

Disappointed.

In the course of his evidence, the witness made a statement to the effect that apparently the robbers had expected to find a large sum of money, because they asked the accountant where a sum amounting to \$18,000, which had been taken into the premises the day before, was kept. When the accountant told the intruders that the money already been paid over to another shop, they appeared to be disappointed.

For the remainder of the time that the gunmen were in the flat they moved restlessly in and out of each cubicle, and eventually left. Before doing this, they again gagged their victims, and threw a bed-quilt over them.

The same evening witness was taken to the waterfront by the police to look for the robbers, and while he was on the Canton boat wharf, news was received that two men had been arrested on the Tung On Wharf in connection with the same affair.

Two days afterwards, at an identification parade held at the Central Police Station, he picked out the first, second, third and fourth defendants as being the gunmen whom he saw in the flat.

The case was adjourned after evidence from other foks of the firm had been taken.

Deoghar, Yesterday.—The case, in which twenty youths, mostly Bengalis, are charged with conspiracy to wage war against the King and the possession of firearms, has ended. Twelve of the accused, of whom eleven were Bengalis and one a Punjabi, were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for terms ranging